



File MWLAP: 135-60/MIWG x.r. 36460/30/1-045
File MOF: 12210-40/FPCODEMIWILDLIFE

ORDER – WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA # 1- 045

On being satisfied that the establishment of the wildlife habitat area dealt with in this order is necessary to meet the habitat requirements of the identified wildlife, and that the general wildlife measures dealt with in this order are necessary to maintain the identified wildlife within those areas, and under the authority of section 70 (1) (b) and (c), (2), (4), and (5) of the Operational Site Planning Regulation, B.C. Reg. 107/98, the Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection orders that

1. the wildlife habitat area shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (#1–045) is established;
2. the wildlife habitat area referred to in section 1 is approved for Queen Charlotte goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis laingi*); and
3. the following practices are established as management practices that apply as general wildlife measures inside the wildlife habitat area, referred to in section 1:

Objectives

1. Prevent disturbance and abandonment of breeding goshawks.
2. Maintain important breeding and foraging habitat features within core area (PFA).
3. When foraging habitat is included within WHA, maintain suitable foraging habitat and habitat features.

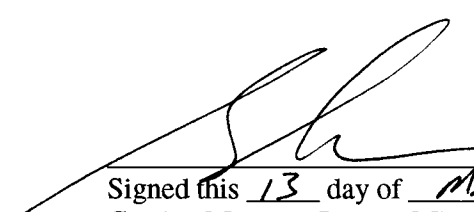
Measures

Access

- Do not construct roads within core area unless the environmental stewardship manager approves a variance. **Existing mainline roads within the core may be maintained at current widths and standards, but are not to be widened unless approved as above.**

Harvesting and silviculture

- **Core area should be managed for 100% retention. Do not harvest or salvage (e.g., cedar and salal) within core except for 1) treatments aimed at maintaining or improving stand structure for Queen Charlotte Goshawks 2) danger tree removal for worker safety along adjacent cutblock edges and existing roads, and 3) tail-holds for yarding equipment, where these activities are approved through a variance by the regional environmental stewardship manager. If these practices are approved avoid breeding period (February 15-September 1).**
- Do not commercial thin within core area unless the environmental stewardship manager approves a variance.


Signed this 13 day of MAY, 2003
Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection